

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

GEIR SIGURD OSTREM, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/724,645

Filed: December 1, 2003

For: **LOW DISTORTION CURRENT  
SWITCHES FOR HIGH SPEED  
CURRENT STEERING  
DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTERS**

Art Group:

Examiner:

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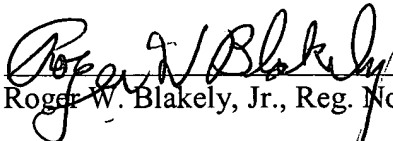
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Respectfully submitted,

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| First Named Inventor                     | Geir Sigurd Ostrem |
| Art Unit                                 |                    |
| Examiner Name                            |                    |
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| Attorney Docket Number                   | 55123P260          |

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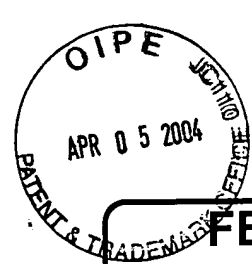
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 1001         | 770      | 2001         | 385      | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002         | 340      | 2002         | 170      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003         | 530      | 2003         | 265      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004         | 770      | 2004         | 385      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |
| SUBTOTAL (1) |          |              |          |                        | (\$)     |

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims  - 20\*\* =  X  =   
Independent Claims  - 3 =  X  =   
Multiple Dependent  =

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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                    |          |
| 1201         | 86       | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |          |
| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid                     |          |
| 1204         | 86       | 2204         | 43       | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |          |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |          |
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| 1051                | 130      | 2051         | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052                | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 2053                | 130      | 2053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812                | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804                | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805                | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251                | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252                | 420      | 2252         | 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253                | 950      | 2253         | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254                | 1,480    | 2254         | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255                | 1,210    | 2255         | 605      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1404                | 330      | 2401         | 165      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402                | 330      | 2402         | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403                | 290      | 2403         | 145      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451                | 1,510    | 2451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452                | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453                | 1,330    | 2453         | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501                | 1,330    | 2501         | 665      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502                | 480      | 2502         | 240      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503                | 640      | 2503         | 320      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460                | 130      | 2460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807                | 50       | 1807         | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806                | 180      | 1806         | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021                | 40       | 8021         | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809                | 770      | 1809         | 385      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810                | 770      | 2810         | 385      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 1801                | 770      | 2801         | 385      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802                | 900      | 1802         | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |
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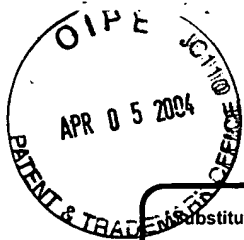
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| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS |              |   |  |    |
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| Examiner<br>Initials*           | Cite<br>No.† | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. |  | T² |
|                                 |              | W. SCHOFIELD et al., "A 16b 400MS/s DAC with <-80dBc IMD to 300 MHz and <-160dBm/Hz Noise Power Spectral Density", IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference, 2003, Session 7, DACs and AMPs, Paper 7.1  |  |    |
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